



# Winter / Holiday Fire Safety Checklist



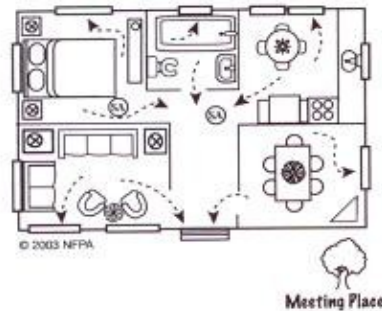
## Decorating:

- ☐ Inspect holiday lights and extension cords for damage
- ☐ Don't overload electrical outlets or extension cords
- ☐ If purchasing a natural Christmas tree, check for freshness to minimize fire hazard of dry needles
- ☐ Place tree and decorations far away from any heat sources
- ☐ Keep lighted candles away from combustibles or use flameless battery operated type
- ☐ Extinguish any lit candles before leaving the room or the house for an extended period of time and before going to bed



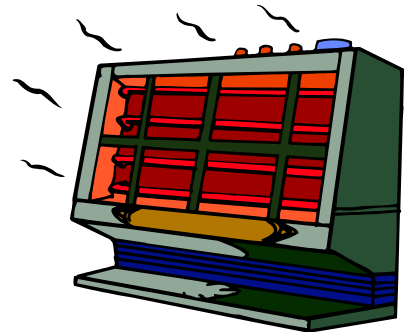
## Entertaining:

- ☐ Don't leave cooking food unattended
- ☐ Test smoke alarms and tell guests your home escape plan
- ☐ Ask smokers to smoke outside and keep lighters & matches out of reach of children
- ☐ Keep pets and children away from any lit candles



## Fire and Carbon Monoxide Safety:

- ☐ Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every month
- ☐ Be sure that fireplaces and chimneys have been inspected and cleaned by a professional
- ☐ Put fireplace ashes in a non-combustible container outdoors
- ☐ Keep space heaters 3 feet away from any combustibles and follow manufacturer's recommendations for temporary use



## Facts

- ◆ **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ◆ **Almost half** of all home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ◆ Unattended cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries.

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